Forest Service Plumas National Forest

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## Dear Interested Party,

Thank you for your interest and participation in the development of the Moonlight Range Project. The Forest Service (USFS), Plumas National Forest, Mt. Hough and Beckwourth Ranger Districts has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Moonlight Range Project which is available electronically for your review at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=4155. If you would like a hard copy of the document, please contact Kyla Sabo, via one of the methods listed below.

The project area is south of Janesville, California about 3 miles and north of Quincy, California about 8 miles on the Mt Hough and Beckwourth Ranger Districts of the Plumas National Forest in Plumas and Lassen Counties, California. The Antelope Allotment is located in all or portions of T27N, R12E, Sections 1-3, 10-13, T27N, R13E, Sections 2-11, 16-20, T28N, R11E, Sections 1, 11-14, 24, T28N, R12E, Sections 6, 8, 9, 13-29, 34-36, T28N, R13E, Sections 19 and 28-34. The Antelope Lake Allotment is located in all or portions of T27N, R12E, Sections 10-15, 22-27, T27N, R13E Sections 18, 19 and 30. The Lights Creek Allotment is located in all or portions of T27N, R10E, Sections 1-5, 8-29, 33-35, T27N R11E, Sections 5-8, 17-19 and 30. The Lone Rock Allotment is located in all or portions of T27N, R11E, Sections 1-4, 10-15, 24, T27N, R12E, Sections 3-10, 16-22, T28N, R11E, Sections 10, 11, 14-16, 21-28, 33-36, T28N, R12E, Sections 19, 20 and 28-34.

The Moonlight Range Project proposes to authorize grazing and amend the allotment management plans on the Antelope, Antelope Lake, Lights Creek and Lone Rock Alloments. Our proposed actions would include the following types of activities: fencing off sensitive areas, and implementing site-specific management actions to improve the condition of identified meadows, stream reaches and fens.

## **How to Comment and Timeframe:**

The Forest Service will accept comments on this proposal for 30 days following publication of the opportunity to comment legal notice in the Feather River Bulletin and Portola Reporter, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25).

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection (CFR 218.5(a)). Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

Comments must be submitted to the Responsible Official, Micki Smith, District Ranger, c/o Kyla Sabo, District NEPA Planner, Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA, 95971, delivered to Mt. Hough Ranger District during business hours (M-F- 8:00am to 4:30 pm); or submitted by FAX (530)283-1821. Electronic comments, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas-mthough@fs.fed.us with Subject: Moonlight Range Project. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

## **Objection Process Information:**

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. This rule provides the public with an opportunity to object to a project before a decision is made. A 45-day pre-decisional administrative review period, also known as objection period, will be initiated with the publication of a





legal notice for objection and distribution of the draft decision notice (anticipated in spring 2017). Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

If you have questions or concerns with this project please contact Kyla Sabo, Project Leader, at (530) 283-7619 or <a href="mailto:kylasabo@fs.fed.us">kylasabo@fs.fed.us</a>.

Sincerely,

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